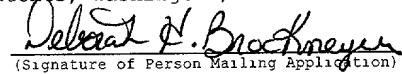


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Transmittal of Continuation Patent Application
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s):
Andreas Manz, D. Jed Harrison, and Carlo S. Effenhauser, and entitled:

**METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE INTRODUCTION IN MICROCOLUMN SEPARATION TECHNIQUES
AND SAMPLING DEVICE**

1. Enclosed are:

- One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp
- Certificate of Express Mail
- One utility patent application containing text pages 1-15 and
 - 2 Sheets of drawings
- Copy of executed Declaration of Inventorship from parent application Serial No. 08/226,605
- Petition to Make Special for New Application Under MPEP §708.02 VIII
- A Preliminary Amendment and Information Related to Request to Make Application Special
- Statement Regarding Preexamination Search in Connection with Petition to Make Special
- Information Disclosure Statement Accompanying Petition to Make Special and Form PTOL-1449

2. Amendment

- Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.

3. Extension of Time

- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/226,605 filed April 12, 1994.

5. Foreign Priority

Priority of Application No. filed in on is claimed under 35 USC §119.
 A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

This application and parent application Serial No. 08/226,605 filed April 12, 1994 are assigned of record to Ciba-Geigy Corporation, as recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8196 and Frame 0621.

7. Entity Status

Large entity status applies to this application.
 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27

8. Fees

The filing fee has been calculated taking into account any amendments in section 2 above:

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A check in the amount of \$485.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee and Petition to Make Special. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account 04-0531.

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